

April 21, 2021 - Banting PAC meeting

Participants:

Principal Bill Trask, Acting Vice-Principal Anthony Veltri, Noelene Ahern, Stan Wylie, Lucky Saini, Marit Heideman, Christina Debruyne, Claire Wheeler, Sheila Robertson, Jennifer Sing

Approval of Agenda and February meeting minutes

Sheila moved to approve the minutes, and Lucky seconded.

Principal's report

- Anthony Veltri was introduced as Acting Vice Principal.
- School is preparing for the next school year and various potential COVID19 scenarios.
- 545 students are enrolled for next year, which would result in 21 divisions (up from 20 divisions in the current school year). 13 English divisions and 8 French divisions.
- Met with people from the School District regarding two portable classrooms for next school year, which will be arriving prior to June 15, 2021.
 - It is yet to be determined if the portables will be used in the 2021/22 school year depending on the number of divisions.
 - Portables will be basic, and will not have washroom facilities.
 - Q: how do you decide who goes in the portable?
 - Need to have discussions and potentially ask for volunteer teachers/classes.
 - Q: how is heating of the portables?
 - Heating will be through electric baseboards.
- A teacher will come in to teach Jijit'su tentatively booked for May - no cost for the PAC.
- White Hatter came to the school regarding internet safety – cost \$360. Booked a follow up session for May 20, 2021 for the Grade 7/8 classes regarding topics such as sexting and bullying. School will put out a request for funding from the PAC, otherwise school will fund.
- Author visit on April 27, 2021: school won a literacy competition, and a presenter will come to school - \$250 fee (paid from PAC funding).
- MyEd Portal – Report cards – feedback was overall positive.
 - June 29 Report Card pick up day – given that reports cards are digital, not sure what the day will look like.
 - School will be available after June 29, should there be any glitches in accessing the report cards.
- Honour roll will be readjusted as some students were missed.
- Performance based scales and grading – report cards are not always indicative of learning that goes on in the Child's mind or classroom. Student learning involves many different factors.
 - Scales will focus more on learning than the grades.
 - Honour rolls will be replaced next year by some other form of recognition of student learning.
- Pro-D day Friday April 23, 2021– Indigenous focus
- Discussion from staff on a Grade 8 leaving ceremony

- Suggestions so far: Food trucks, prizes, photos of Grade 8 students
- Will the PAC be able to contribute some funds?
 - PAC has \$750 in the budget for this purpose (used to be a BBQ in previous years), and can assist with the organization. PAC can see if there is room in the budget for more.
- The school purchased more outdoor athletic equipment – nine-hole FROLF course (Frisbee-golf). School submitted receipts to PAC (PAC paid \$500).
- Science equipment purchased and submitted (paid by PAC).
- Magic show: school-wide performance. School will submit request to the PAC.
- Q: will there be class photos?
 - Photographer did not want to with regard to COVID19.
 - Mr. Veltri will follow up on this item.
 - Could be a collage of individual students per class.
- Q: what can we expect in the yearbook? As there have not been any clubs etc.
 - There are photos from school wide team days, special activities etc.

PAC Treasurer's report

- Family donations were higher than expected, so PAC can probably accommodate additional requests.
- PAC shared Treasurer's report:
 - General account is stable.
 - Gaming account needs to be spend in the current school year.
 - School based account – family donations are still trickling in.
- The PAC confirmed that the staff appreciation is also on the PAC budget

PAC Activity

- Hot lunch will not be revived this school year
- Staff appreciation suggestions:
 - Individual platters for staff from 'Make a Donair'
 - Costco platters
 - Personal pizza's
 - Individual cookies, muffins
 - Virtual slide show
 - Need to provide for 45 staff
 - PAC budget is \$400; can ask for additional donations from parents.
 - Feedback: staff really appreciates the gesture.
 - The PAC will put out a call to the parents for further ideas and potential financial donations.

Other business

Next meeting May 19, 2021.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7.40pm.